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SUBJ: FONMIN VAZQUEZ DISCUSSES BOGOTA CONFERENCE

1. FONMIN VAZQUEZ IN A NOV 10 RADIO INTERVIEW DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS AND GOALS OF THE FORTHCOMING BOGOTA MTG OF LA FONMINS. HE ASSERTED THAT THE MTG WOULD NOT BE A FAILURE AND THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD AS ITS MOST IMPORTANT AIMS: 1) TO DRAW UP A LA DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF HEMISPHERIC POLICY; 2) TO IDENTIFY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; 3) TO INDICATE THE DESIRE OF A UNIFIED LA FOR A NEW DIALOGUE WITH THE U S;

4) TO PROPOSE AN ANNUAL MTG OF LATIN FONMINS TO PLAN FOR OVER ALL DIRECTION OF REGIONAL POLICY; AND 5) TO INITIATE COORDINATION AMONG THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUBGROUPINGS THAT NOW EXIST IN LA.

2. VAZQUEZ SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LESS THAN 19 FONMINS PRESENT, WITH THE ONLY CERTAIN ABSENCES BEING THOSE OF ARGENTINA BRAZIL BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY.

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3. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE LACK OF AN INVITATION TO CUBA

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN CONVENED OUTSIDE OF THE OAS FRAMEWORK TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENT IN THE PROBLEMS OF CUBAN SANCTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS. HE ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF CUBAN-U S ANTAGONISMS CUBAN PARTICIPATION WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE CONFERENCE AIM OF READYING A DIALOGUE WITH THE U S. HE NOTED THAT NON-OAS NATIONS SUCH AS THE BAHAMAS AND GUYANA HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY.

4. THE DECLARATION TO BE DRAWN UP IN BOGOTA, VAZQUEZ ASSERTED WILL SERVE AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AND THE U S AND OTHER DEVELOPED NATIONS.

5. THE FONMIN SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DETERMINE THE MOST FEASIBLE DATE FOR A FUTURE MTG WITH SECY KISSINGER.

6. VAZQUEZ SAID THE LA IS SUFFICIENTLY MATURE TO AFFIRM ITS VIEWS AND NEEDS AND TO MOVE TOWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE U S ON A BASIS OF RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF DETERMINATION. LA THE FONMIN ADDED CAN NO LONGER HOPE FOR FOREIGN AID TO PROVIDE ALL IMPULSE FOR DEVELOPMENT BUT CAN INSTEAD BECOME A FORCE IN ITS OWN RIGHT TO FURTHER COOPERATION AND TO UTILIZE ITS OWN RESOURCES TO IMPROVE REGIONAL INTERCHANGE.

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